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Mr. Bharat Mathur
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Re: Request for Redesignation and
Maintenance Plan for Ozone Attainment
in the 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area
for Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana
Final Submittal

Dear Mr. Mathur:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) prepared a draft Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana and submitted it to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) with a request for parallel processing on June 28, 2006. IDEM conducted a public hearing concerning the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan on June 29, 2006 and the public comment period concluded on July 7, 2006.

Attached hereto is the final Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana. This final version documents the public review process. The document has not been altered substantively since it was submitted to the US EPA for parallel processing on June 28, 2006.

The attached document consists of the following:

Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan

- A formal request that Lake and Porter counties be redesignated to attainment and classified as maintenance. It contains and meets the requirements set forth in Section 107 of the Clean Air Act and in the Redesignation guidance issued September 4, 1992.
- A maintenance year of 2020 is established and 2010 is analyzed as an interim year.
- The appendices of the document contain historic trend data, projected emission inventory data and thorough documentation of the mobile emissions analysis.

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- A transcript of the public hearing and a record of all comments received, as well as IDEM's responses thereto.

Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

- Contained in the Maintenance Plan is a new motor vehicle emissions budget for 2020. The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission travel demand model and MOBILE6.2 were used to determine mobile source emissions for the area.
- The Travel Demand Model was updated with the best available assumptions.

IDEM hereby requests that the US EPA proceed with final review and approval of this submittal. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Scott Deloney, Air Programs Branch at (317)233-5684.

Sincerely,



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